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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: ) Examiner: NYA  
Eggo Sichmann, et al. )  
Serial No.: NYA )  
Filed: Concurrently Herewith )  
Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD )  
FOR AVOIDING GAS BUBBLES )  
WHEN TRANSPORTING A )  
LIQUID BY MEANS OF PUMPS )

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the specification  
as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, line 1, please insert -- This application claims priority to German Application  
Serial No. 100 45 659.6, filed September 15, 2000; German Application Serial No. 101 00 508.3,  
filed January 8, 2001, and German Application No. 101 02 142.9, filed January 18, 2001.